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## **AMENDMENT**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 1998 in the identified application. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

## In the Claims

In claim 7, line 6, please change "shaped" to --deformed--.
In claim 22, line 1, please change "22" to --21--.

## Remarks

In the Office Action mailed August 19, 1998, claim 22 was rejected under § 112, ¶ 2, and claims 7 and 9-11 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese document number 60-130483 or German document number 2554990. Claims 1-6 and 13-21 were indicated as being allowable; claims 8 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but as otherwise reciting allowable subject matter; and claim 22 was indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the § 112, ¶ 2 rejection.

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